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THE STORY SO FAR

One day, Koyomi Araragi catches a falling Hitagi Senjogahara to discover that she is practically weightless. As it turns out, Hitagi had encountered a crab who had stolen her weight in its entirety. Koyomi then calls upon Mèmè Oshino—an aberrations expert—to rescue Hitagi. But in the process, Koyomi learns the truth: Hitagi had offered the crab her weight to set herself free from an overpowering emotional burden involving her mother.

MAIN CHARACTERS

Hitagi Senjogahara

A girl whose weight was stolen by the omoshi-kani. Kept a low profile to hide her secret, but Koyomi found it out anyway.

Koyomi Araragi

A boy who was attacked by a vampire. Stumbles upon the secret of Hitagi's body, taking action so "she can be saved."

Mèmè Oshino

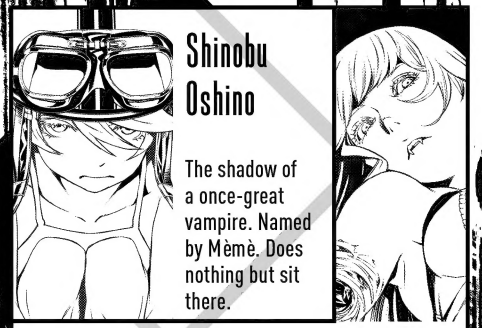
An expert on aberrations. A disheveled older man who saved Koyomi. Was then introduced to Hitagi.

Tsubasa Hanekawa

A girl in the same class as Koyomi. A legendary class president who scored 598 points across six courses in five subjects. Went to the same middle school as Hitagi.

The omoshi-kani

An "aberration" that steals people's weight. It took Hitagi's weight... and her mental burden as well.

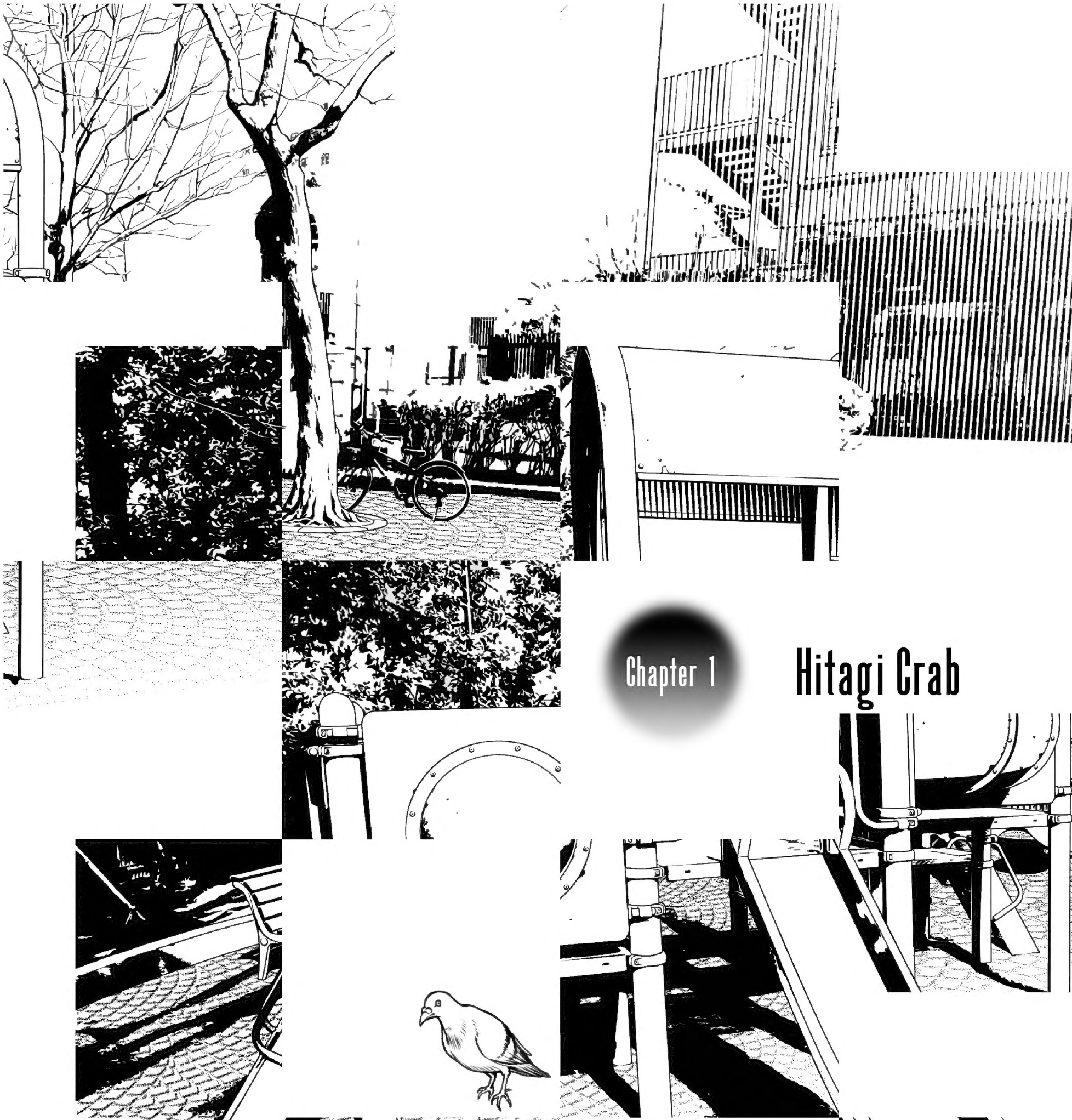


Shinobu Oshino

The shadow of a once-great vampire. Named by Mèmè. Does nothing but sit there.

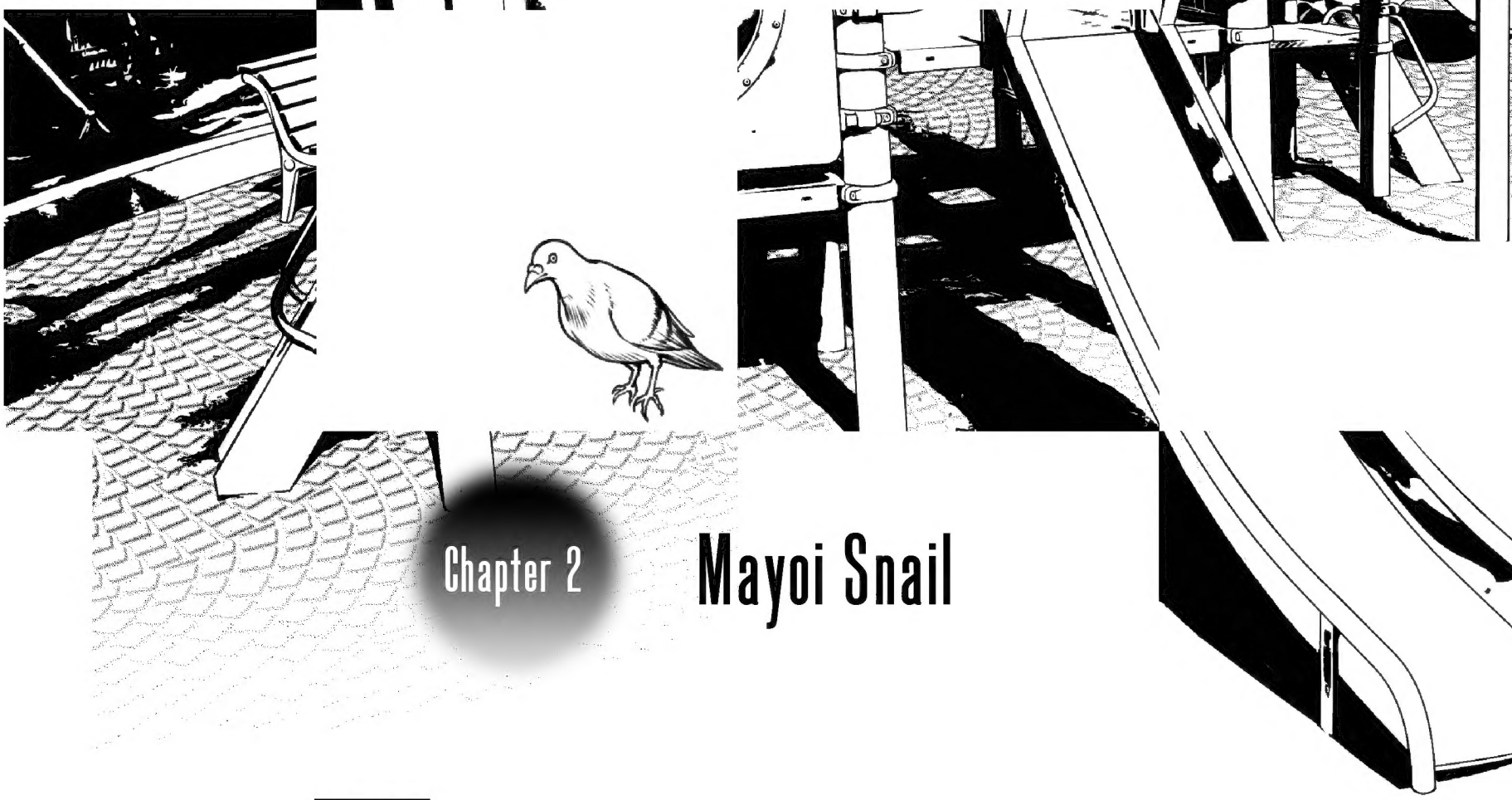
Kiss-Shot Acerola-Orion Heart-Under-Blade

The iron-blooded, hot-blooded, yet cold-blooded vampire who attacked Koyomi.



Chapter 1

Hitagi Crab



Chapter 2

Mayoi Snail

BOOK DESIGN VEIA

The time-line.

It seems

I've misunder-stood

how the timeline worked.

I thought that Senjogahara encountering the "crab" and losing her weight

were what caused her mother to fall for that cult.

However, that wasn't the case.

It went back much further than that...

to when Senjogahara had entered fifth grade.

Beep

Beep

Bee-Beep

Beep

If you heard the name, you'd know it.

Senjogahara's disease was that serious. She drifted between life and death,

and her mother fell into the clutches of that cult.

Then, *it just so hap-pened...*

that Senjogahara was saved from certain death. But her mother's devotion only grew that much faster.

BAKEMONOGATARI

That evening,

I spoke with Hanekawa.

There were a lot of rumors about her in middle school.

I mean, she was famous.

I heard that she's very kind and friendly. And that she's super cheery and social.

They say her father's some wealthy big-shot at a foreign-owned company, and her house is supposedly super luxurious. But despite that, they say she isn't stuck-up one bit, and she still seems to reach for greater heights.

She's like some kind of superwoman.

That's right.

Senjogahara wanted to become superhuman... all for the sake of her mother.

Certificate / Hereby honored with

In recognition of / Hitagi Senjogahara for her achievements

Track & Field / Victory / 100m / Congratulations to Hitagi Senjogahara for an outstanding performance

Kiyokaze Middle School Team Run at Full Speed

Certificate of Completion
Level 1
Hitagi Senjogahara
Has hereby passed Level 1 of the Third Japan Kanji Aptitude Test administered in Heisei 27.

Sample Questions

See, Mother?

I have so much energy now.

I'm so fast and strong.

I'm cheerful.
I can do anything.

I'm so...

I'm so...

—And so...

And so, Senjo-gahara became ...

twisted.

"Hitagi" is a term used in construction.

It's made up of the characters for "straight" and "tree."

It's something placed under roof beams to support buildings.

Hanekawa... You really do know everything, don't you?

I don't know everything.

I just know what I know.

Senjogahara must have tried so hard to support her.

She must have whipped herself, the weak body she had, into playing the role of a superhuman

all to support her own mother.

She believed it was her faith alone that healed her daughter... and so the vicious cycle continued.

the more her mother fell for that cult.

Knock, knock.

We're coming in.

ピンポン 入りますよ

But.

The more perfect Senjogahara became,

Mother

Mother

Mother

Even the way she let that bastard of a cult leader attack her daughter

might have been her twisted way

of showing her motherly love. But it was too much for Senjogahara to bear.

Mother

母

Which is why...

Senjo-gahara cut ties.

娘

Daughter

That is what she'd sought from a god when her mother's love was too much to take.

There hasn't been a single day... I haven't regretted it.

But that was a mistake...

So please.

My mother ...

Please give me back my mother...

Her smile...

back then...

My mother's smile

belongs to me alone...

BAM

CRUSH

He stomped on it? No...

It disappeared ...?!

PLOP

CHKK

BWOOF

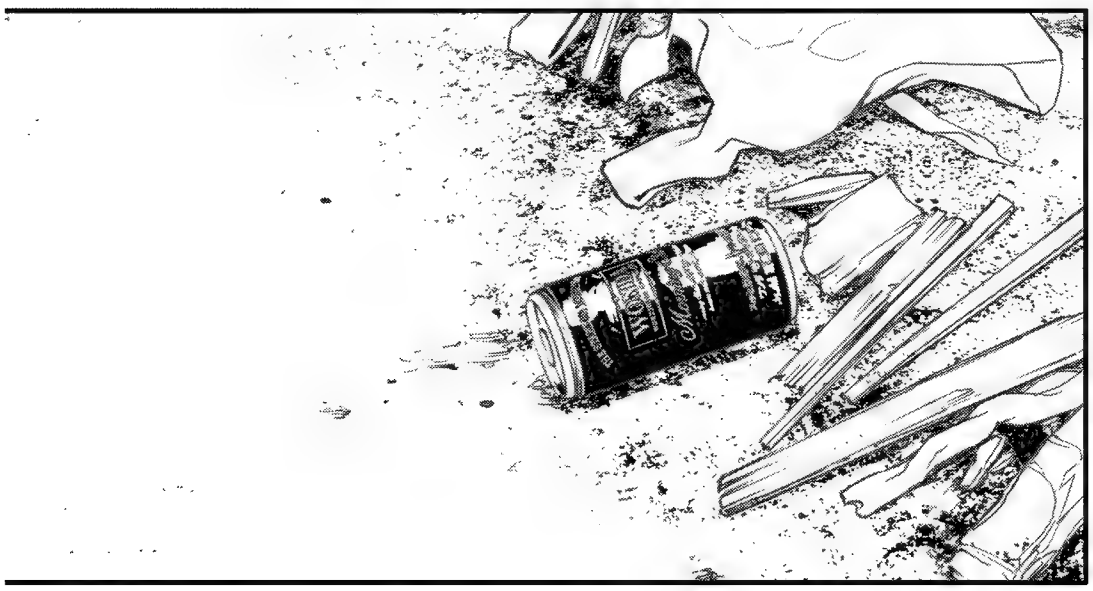
You know, you don't have to do this.

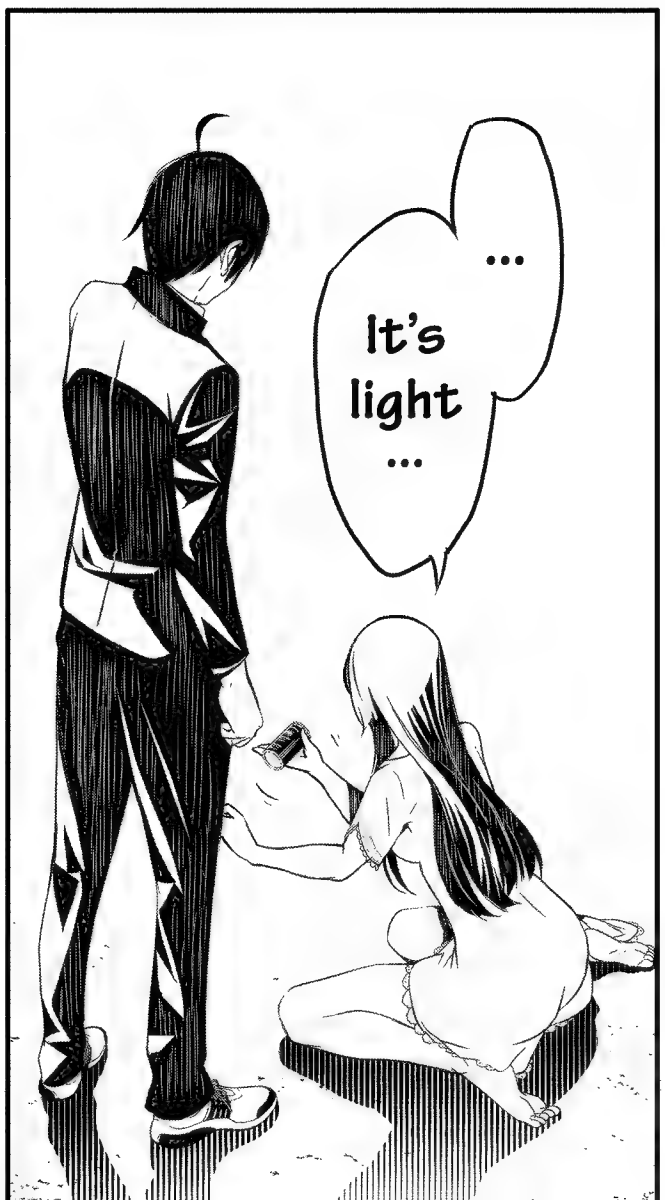
There's nothing praiseworthy about facing it. If you want to run, go ahead.

how you feel.

But if this is the form that you seek...

that must be





It's so light...!

WAAAAH

WAAAAH

And with that,

it ended.

I guess that's it?

Senjogahara's aberration had ended completely.

That said,

her life will go on as usual,

but that doesn't mean her mother's ever coming back.

Welp,

I guess that means nothing's gonna change after all...

No... wait.

Doesn't this mean that Senjogahara will always be tormented by those feelings?

No. It's...not like nothing is going to change.

Huh?

Basically, *that's what the omoshi-kani is.*

Araragi.

You know how the Japanese character for "crab" is written like "a bug that seems to understand" ?

A... friend ?

Who might that be...?

At the very least,

I might have made a new friend.

I'm saying that it *under-stood.*

found someone who'd support her in his place.

Our god here

That ...
surprise attack from Senjo-gahara
sank deep into my heart.
I hope this isn't too forward, but I'd be very happy if we could stay friends.
I'm very grateful for what you've done. And I'm sorry for everything I've done to this point.
Thank you, Araragi.

PLOP
ぺた
PLOP
ぺた

Our promise to go eat crabs, though?

That'll have to wait until winter.

GLARE
ニヨ…

?!

?!

EYES !!
目線

…

化 bake

物 mono

HITAGIcrab

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語 gatari

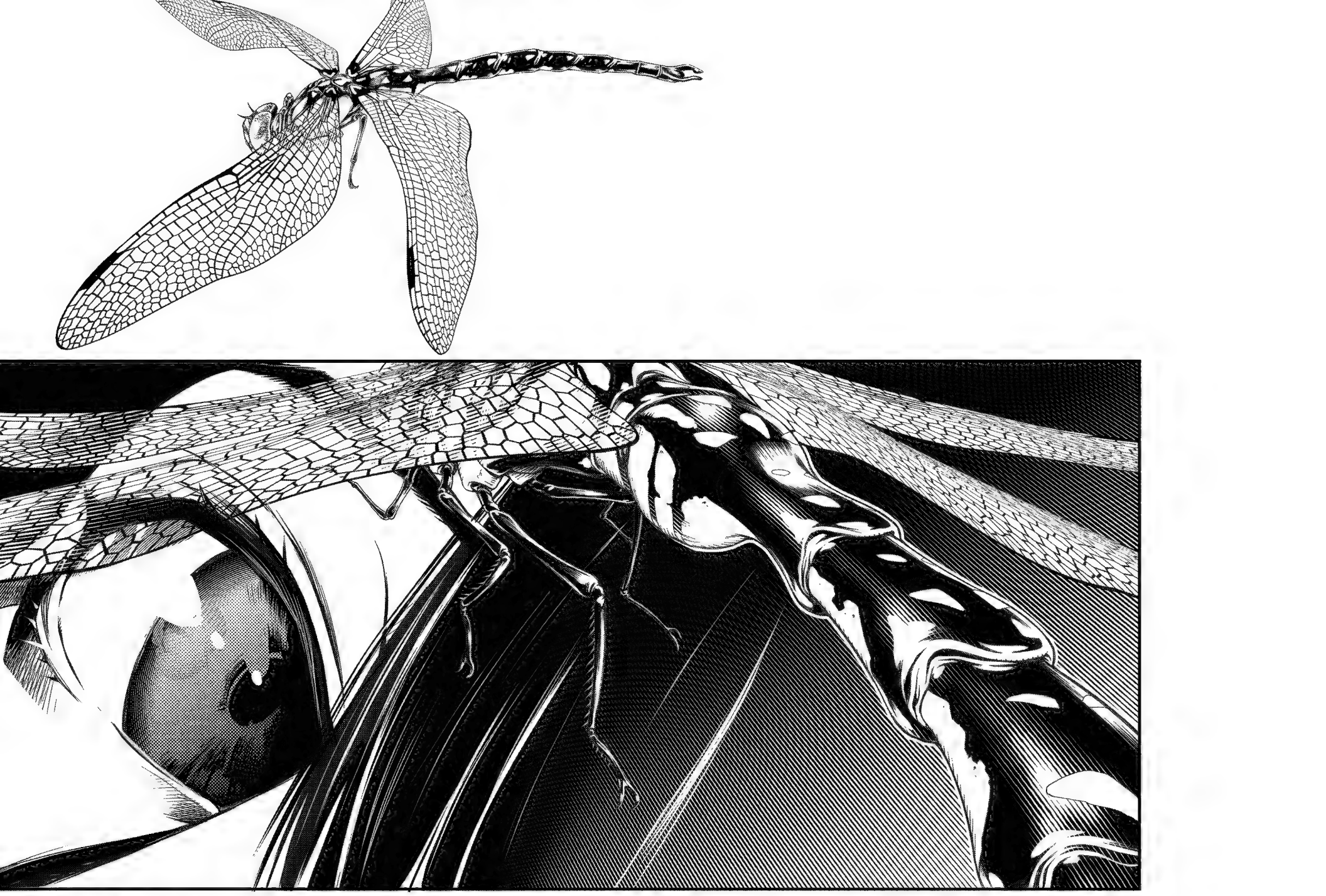
物 *mono*

MAYOIsnail

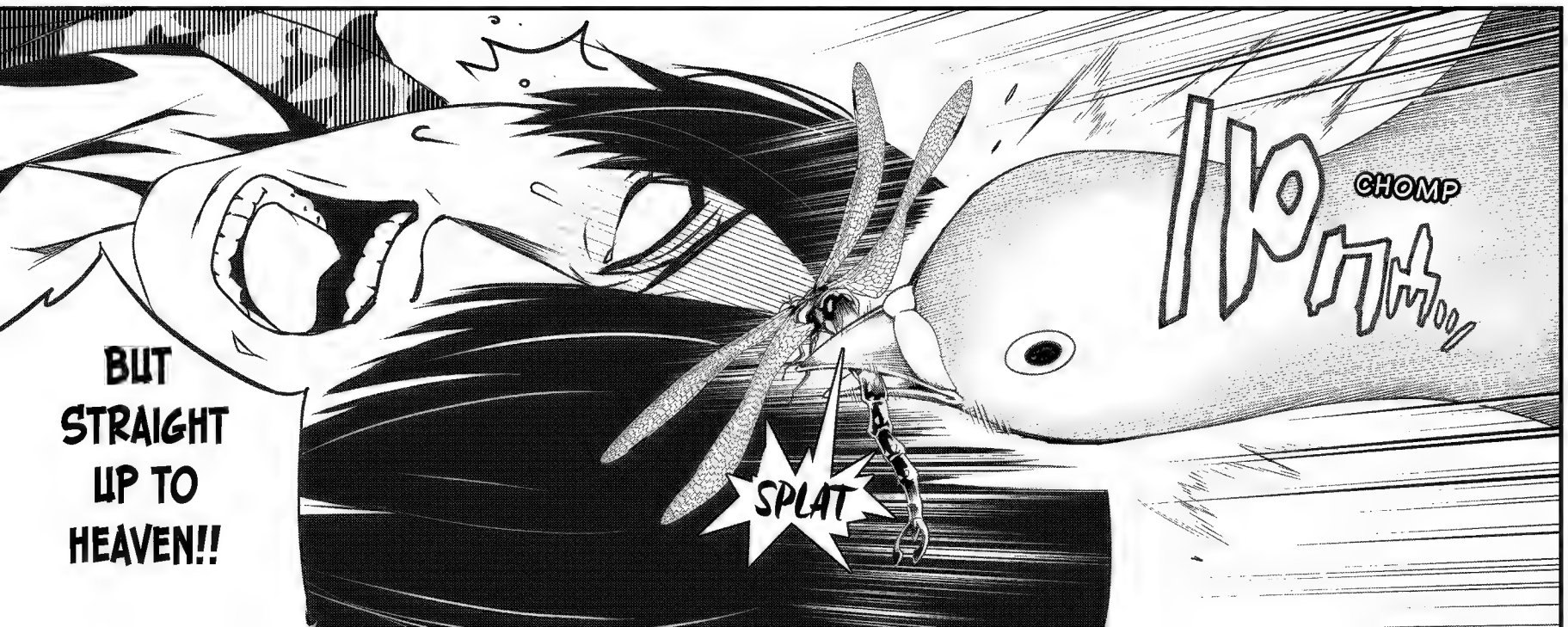
2

語 *gatari*

化 *bake*

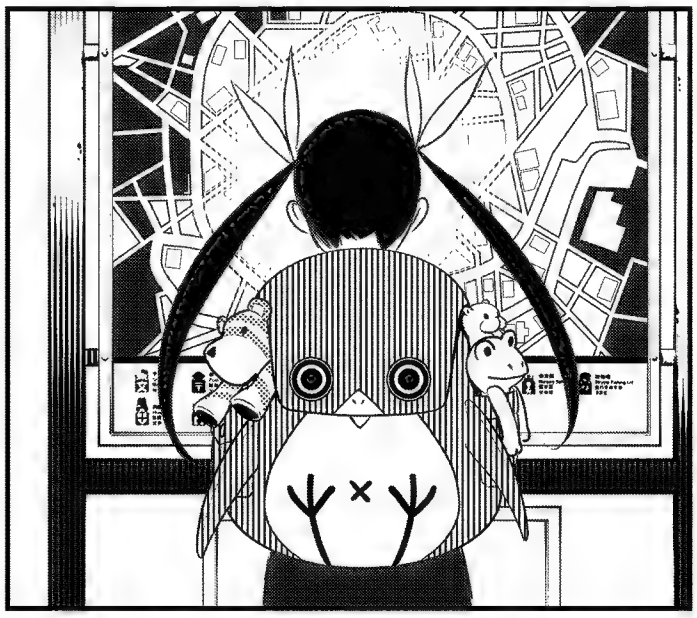


Guess you're just like me, huh...? Nowhere to go...
Where to, oh dragon fly...
Ugh ...


BUT STRAIGHT UP TO HEAVEN!!
SPLAT
CHOMP

Not a soul in the park...

One week has passed since that day.



Park

park is for everyone.
walking around
so that we can
all enjoy
ound.

contact
63-12XX
lease

For questions, call
The Public Works Dept
TEL(63)12XX

ublic space
veryone.

Oh, wait.

There is... at least one...

I thought someone had dumped a dead dog on a bench, but it's just you, Araragi.

My good-ness.

STAB

I just heard the most unusual greeting ever said in the history of mankind.

I feel like

Senjo-gahara ...

JIGGLE

Or did I hear something else?!

JIGGLE
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
JIGGLE
JIGGLE

...So,

may I sit next to you?

Uh...oh, sure...

I was just starting to feel a little guilty about monopolizing this four-person bench, anyway.

Ara-
ragi.

JIGGLE

JOLT

YES
?!?

It's her clothes that make her breas—

but her chest seems to stand out. No...

And... what is it...? Maybe it's because she put her hair up...

Um... Isn't she a little close ...?

Ah...

Uh-huh—
Oh right!
Yes, that.

I wanted to thank you again... for the other day.

Mister Oshino is a separate matter.

If anything, you're better off just thanking Oshino.

You don't have to thank me.

Yes... You don't think that's fair?

A HUNDRED THOU-SAND?!

That bastard charged me 5 million!

gotta pay the bills.

Heh,

A hundred thousand yen, I think?

I'm paying him a set fee, after all.

Yes...
But someone with my personality isn't fit for labor, so I'm trying to come up with a plan...

HMPH

At least she knows it.

But as you know, my family's financial situation is not great...

Oh... So you're gonna start working part-time?

There must be some way I can skip out on the bill.

YOU WANT *THAT* KIND OF A PLAN?!

I'll pay my fair share. But never mind that...

I'm joking.

I want to thank you, Araragi.

VWOO

MINE WERE EMPTY FROM THE BEGIN-NING.

They were ?!

Well,

in that case, you've already thanked me enough.

Even words of gratitude can feel empty if they're said too many times.

They come from deep within my chest... which you've been rudely glancing at this whole time.

TWITCH

AHEM

They aren't empty. Or rather, they weren't.

I'm kidding.

I think I know what it is. It's probably the same thing that kids feel—the urge to bully that special someone they like.

For some reason, I always have the urge to deny or contradict every little thing that you say.

Oh, I'm sorry.

女子なのに

Someone they like

...
Did
...
Senjo-
gahara
...
just say
...
that
she
...
"likes"
me?

...

...Hm?

No, it's more like the urge adults get of wanting to torment the weak...

Yes?

ARA-
RAGI.

Wait, is our relation-ship that intense ...?

That's right. We hold each other's weakness in our hands.

She's making me nervous.

Where is this going?

Huh ?

Well... of course.

to think of us as close?

Is it all right for me

It's almost like... she's about to confess her love to me...

Just one thing.

I'll do any one thing you tell me to do.

PLUCK

I'll always feel like I owe you.

I don't care what you say, I want to pay you back.

Because if I don't,

What's the matter, Araragi? You seem down. Was it something I said?

Friends ...

Right.

NO, NOT AT ALL!

Yeah... Friends.

we'll finally be on equal footing as friends.

Then, when my due is paid off,

ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE MORE POWERFUL THAN SHENLONG?!

Even if you want me to give you world domination or eternal life. Or if you want me to defeat the Saiyans on their way to the Earth.

I'll do anything you want, really.

MEW MEW MEW MEW MEW MEW MEW

I can end all my sentences with "-MEW" for one week.

Or I can go to school with no panties on for one week.

Or I can come wake you up every morning in nothing but an apron for one week.

Or I can help you use enemas to go on a diet for one week.

I'm sure you're into lots of things, aren't you?

IS THAT HOW PERVERTED YOU THINK I AM?!

HOW RUDE!

I'm sorry... I just can't bring myself to do any of those things for the rest of my life...

NO!

I'M NOT MAD BECAUSE I WANTED MORE! JUST THE OPPOSITE!!

My personal recommendation would be the apron...

because I'm willing to make you breakfast while I'm at it.

Isn't that one of man's greatest fantasies?

IF YOU DID THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE AROUND AT MY HOUSE, MY FAMILY WOULD BE TORN APART FASTER THAN YOU CAN SAY "GALE-FORCE WINDS"!

Okay then, nothing erotic.

Now that you mention it, you're right.

I don't think we'd be able to stay friends afterwards.

Even if we somehow struck an agreement like that,

Listen, Senjo-gahara.

...

Does she think ending sentences with "-mew" is erotic...?

What kind of kink is that...?

You really trust me, don't you?

Oh?

I know you'd never ask for something erotic.

In any case,

It's nice and easy being with a virgin. They never ask for much.

HOLD ON A SEC-OND!

...I guess I did tell her that.

You *are* a virgin, after all.

You said stuff about virgins the other day, too,

but it's not like you have any experience yourself.

So when you call me a virgin like that, it's like...

No way!!

Open for business

DONE

What are you talking about?

I have experi-ence.

All she cares about is contradicting every word that I say...

... This girl ...

HRMPH

I do it all over the place.

... Hrm...

HEH ...

what can you gain by telling me that fact, Senjogahara?

All right, fine.

Allow me to make a correc-tion.

Fine, then ...

Even if that were somehow true...

I'm a virgin.

I don't have any experience.

IN

WORDS

!!

ヒゲッ

JOLT

OTHER

JOLT

ヒゲッ

JOLT

ヒゲッ

JOLT

ヒゲッ

JOLT

ヒゲッ

Sure, it's a confession ...

but not the one I had in mind!!

...

Okay ...

is a crazy spinster like me!!!
The only girl who would talk to a virgin loser like you...
Resignation
脫帽
Admiration
Wonder
驚異
She's even prepared to degrade herself if she can verbally abuse me...
It's almost admirable.

but I really do want to help you.

I'm not good with words, so it's kind of hard for me to say,

THMP

We've gotten off track.

COO

Sen-joga-hara.

So,

isn't there *anything* I can do for you?

That heavy, oppressive air surrounding Senjo-gahara

was carried off to god-knows-where

as the spring breeze rolled in.

I don't think you're "not good with words."

And so, for the epilogue ...

Ready, and...!

or rather, the punch line of this story:

Flying double-team dogpile!!

Ko-yomi!

Wake uuuup!

by my little sisters Karen and Tsukihi.

I was roused from my bed, as usual...

The morning after Senjogahara faced off against the crab,

Gur-gh!

BOOOM

KREAK

KREAK

KREAK

I swear on my fist that's not gonna happen!

They're gonna kill me some day...

I swear, I'm buying an alarm clock the next time I get my allow-ance ...

KREAK

KREAK

Those five or six broken vertebrae should've healed by now...

All my joints hurt, and I feel lethargic, like I have a fever or some-thing...

What's going on...?

Why do I feel so... heavy?

!!

WHUMP

They really couldn't care less about us on an individual basis...

These guys are a pretty undiscerning bunch.

90 95 100 kg 105 110 115

体重 100.0 kg

THOOM

0000 kg

Oh, come on ...

...It's true.

The gods are a truly undis-cerning bunch...

So that happened...

And then, when I talked to that asshole Oshino about it...

...he said I should be able to handle it myself since I've already seen how to exorcise it.

Can you believe that?

I can't afford to owe him any more than I already do.

But... it did work out in the end.

I mean... I guess.

I'm glad to hear that. But still, Araragi,

do you always sit on the edge of benches to have it poke into your butt?

Or are you just stimulating your privates with some special kink-training ritual?

OF COURSE I'M NOT!

I'm sitting here 'cause you keep coming closer to me!

You're absolutely right, but I don't want to hear tips on common sense coming from *you!*

You shouldn't look away from people so coldly when they're talking to you.

Also, Araragi.

Agh!

JIGGLE

JIGGLE

JIGGLE

JIGGLE

JIGGLE

Or...

could it be

that the sight of my charming street clothes captivates your pure little heart,

which is why you can't bring yourself to face me.

...

...Yup.

She hit the nail on the head.

...
Okay.

Sounds like the setup for a fanservice episode.

草 Grass
+
湯 Hot bath

You know, the way "captivate" is written in Japanese is pretty neat.

It's made up of the "grass" radical and the character for "hot bath."

草 Grass
+
明 Bright

And the feeling for something that makes your heart melt is "grass" plus "bright," right?

Personally, I think to "smelt" someone's heart

would be a notch above that. People are expecting it to become an emotive next-gen term.

I do hope it catches on.

Like "that maid smelt-ed my heart!"

Or "I smelt for cat ears!"

You should use it, Arara-gi.

Who would I ever say that to?!

...Back to that again, huh...

Er,

I don't have an immediate answer to that...

What kind of trouble do you want me to fix?

...So? Have you decided?

I'm sure.

After all, you don't have bed head today.

What ...?

Is she saying that my only problem is having messy hair?!

She makes it sound like I feel nothing but lust...

No thanks.

Next.

Upon my name, I hereby allow you to unleash your desires on me.

Okay, I get it. We're not getting anywhere like this.

Or maybe you want a girlfriend?

YOU'RE TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME, AREN'T YOU?! I SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING!!

Hey... Isn't there *anything* you want ?

Like to graduate, at least?

And what would happen ... if I said yes...?

FWOOSH

You'd get a girlfriend.

That's all.

JIGGLE JIGGLE JIGGLE

...

I could read into that if I wanted to, but...

...

No, I'm okay... without that.

...I see.

HMM...

Well, now what ...?

Mnh.

Mmnh.

Finished working up your erogenous zones?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS DOING!!

WET FLOOR

RIGHT OF WAY

WHAT? WHAT IS IT?!

TELL ME!

I feel like I need to address her troubled expression

before addressing the worries I might have.

...but...

Well... It's not a problem, per se...

I had a fight with my sister.

She gives up so easily !!

YOU SAID ANYTHING, DIDN'T YOU?!

I'm not sure I can help you with that.

Looks like it's okay.

I thought the word "mother" would be off-limits with Senjo-gahara, but...

I sup-pose so.

Today is Mother's Day... right?

So ...

my sisters were hoping to celebrate as a family today... but I can't do that kind of stuff.

I just don't like it... Not for any specific reason, though.

UM...

...OKAY, YOU'RE RIGHT!!

being the failure that you are!

So you, the oldest son in the family, feel like there's no place for you at home today on Mother's Day

I see.

Why wouldn't I look into people who might end up my enemies?

WHY DO YOU KNOW ALL THAT? EVEN THEIR NICKNAME ?!

Enemies ?!

Damn, she's scary!!

Yes, Tsukihi and Karen.

The famed Fire Sisters of Tsuganoki Second Middle School.

樽ノ二

Tsuganoki 2

KAREN

TSUKIHI

Ko-
yo-
mi
!!

That's
why...

You
know,
Koyomi.
That's
why.

This morning... my little sister caught me trying to sneak out of the house.

I guess you could say we had an argument...? Basically, we got into a big fight over nothing...

In other words ...

I don't want to go home.

I guess you could say that I'm just annoyed by how petty I am, or just by everything in general. That's why I can't apologize to my sister.

So between me not being able to bring myself to celebrate Mother's Day and seriously getting angry at my little sister, who's four years younger than me,

That's right.

I don't want to go home.

If not for that feeling,

in that moment... I doubt I would have ever encountered *her*.

That "aberration."

Hm?

I swear ...

that grade schooler was just there... a second ago...

around

e can

CAT

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Area Map

What's the matter?

Are you lost?

Please don't speak to me!!

I don't like you !!!

Bakemonogatari

02: Mayoi Snail

I don't like you !!!

Please don't speak to me!!

...

I...

...I returned to the bench in a zombie-like daze.

ETSU MAP

The damage ...was even worse... than I expected...

Did something happen?

SKREEK

SKREEK

SKREEEEK

Hm? How do you read that name...?

"Yaku-dera"?

NAME

Class 5-3

八九寺真宵

Hey, Senjo-gahara.

See that little kid over there?

How do you read her name...? The name on her tag.

Huh?

I can't see what you're talking about.

Oh— right.

I forgot.

Oh yeah. My body's not normal anymore...

Of course Senjogahara can't see the tag from way back here.

Um...

It's got the characters for "eight" and "nine" in it, followed by the one for "temple"...

At your academic level, I'm surprised you managed to graduate kinder-garten.

I COULD GRADUATE KINDERGARTEN WITH MY EYES CLOSED!

That would read "HACHIKUJI."

Are you that illiterate, Araragi?

That is a gross over-estimation of your own abilities.

You won't impress anyone like that.

...

You're impressing me, for what it's worth...

All right, I get it. I'm a bad student. Whatever.

A shameful heart first manifests itself in the ears. Those who have shame in their hearts cannot properly listen.

耳心

SHAME

You know, there are such things as dumb questions, Araragi, but you're dumb whether you ask them or not.

Why did you ask how that name is pronounced?

Acknowledging that fact doesn't make it any better.

...Did I do something wrong...?

I thought she just said that she wanted to thank me...

Where are you going?

To go talk to that girl.

I wouldn't if I were you. You're just going to get hurt.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!

GSST

Huh ...?!

Is she looking for an address ...?

Naoetsu Town

straight from the station, take 3rd st.

3rd st., house #5

CLOSE...

Hey, you.

...

You're lost, right?

Where do you want to go?

...

SUPER SUSPICIOUS

GRIN

にかっ

HERE, LEMME SEE THAT PIECE OF PAPER.

...

Araragi, what are you doing? Frankly, I have no idea.

WHPP

WHPP

WHPP

I'M HURT! I JUST GOT HURT IN THE END!!

OKAY, ONE MORE TIME FROM THE TOP!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

ANYONE WOULD TURN AROUND AFTER BEING SMACKED FROM BEHIND!

Oh... Sorry for smacking you.

Thank goodness.

So you finally turn around.

Naoetsu Town Map

KLONG

NNH

SMAK

Hey!

It just really upset me...

I DON'T GET IT!

Sorry...

Did you know that the word "life" contains the character for "smack" in Japanese?

It seems... I wasn't able to fool you!!

YOU THINK?!

YOU HIT ME SO HARD I SAW STARS!

FLASH

LIFE

When life smacks you down, you're shining your brightest !!

Look-
ing
back
on it,

I think

What's your name?

I'm Koyomi Araragi.

But who knows.

that until that very moment, I could've turned back.

ZPLAASH

That was the moment ...

I *stepped into it.*

OOOZE

OOOZE

...!!

He asked her name.

He truly never learns.

...

Hm?

That names are very important— that they're "binding."

Oshino has told me so many times ...

Heh.

munch munch

MAYOI.

MAYOI
HACHI-
KUJI.

...So.

Mister "Koyomi" you said ...?

What a girly name.

YOU REEK OF GIRLISH-NESS! DON'T COME NEAR ME!!

直江津町
周辺マップ

Fair enough.

But you said you didn't like me even before I smacked you.

Anyway, please don't talk to me!

I don't like people who suddenly smack me from behind!!

Wait, maybe I should relax first.

I'll start by easing her mind...

Anyway, just try to relax.

In this town, I'm known as a friend to man and beast alike, you know.

No one's ever disliked me so much.

CHOMP

THEN IT MUST BE KARMA FROM A PRE-VIOUS LIFE!

SHORT-ENING IT JUST MADE THE INSULT MUCH WORSE !!

You stink! Go away!!

Okay then, Mister Beast Alike.

I'M NOT BEING STUB-BORN!

Jeez, stop being so stub-born.

Yes you are.

...Hm. You're right. That was too harsh, so let me correct myself.

The first part almost made sense, but then you messed it up!

YOU'RE *REEKY!* DON'T COME NEAR ME!

...

You work in the travel industry... at your age?!

I'M USED TO GETTING IN *TRAVEL!*

I'M USED TO PROBLEMS LIKE THIS, SO IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME!! THIS IS A VERY NORMAL THING FOR ME!

PAH

WHOOSH

SKRR

!

She's fast!

HI-YAH! TAKE THAT !!

WHAP

She's still just a kid !!

HM..

TUG

But.

GRAB !!

SNATCH

AH !

FWIP

so I'm not the least bit shaken by the contents of her skirt being in full view.

I'm not a pedophile,

DEAR !!

Why are we fighting?

YANK

AGH!

POP

Well,

no explanation is needed.

This is simply a case of one warrior soul calling out to another...

—Still... She's too weak. She can't hurt me.

It's just a difference of age and battle experience.

With her light weight and poor stance, she can't stand firm on the ground.

Heh heh...

Hup!

THUD

...

Hah.

...

STAARE

Did you really think a grade schooler could beat up a high schooler ?!

Bwa hahaha haha!

You fool!

Allow me to defend myself.

Go ahead.

Actually, why don't we forget past misfortunes and speak constructively instead?

I got nothing.

...

Once again, nothing.

ROLL

LEAP

AH!!..

I... had a dream.

A dream where I was physically abused by a high schooler ...

Huh.

Sounds like one of those "opposite-of-reality dreams."

Oh. So you're up, Hachikuji.

THP

THP

THP

GRAAH

GRAAH

GRAAH

WHAT KIND OF DREAM IS THAT?!

Anyway, Senjogahara, that is what happened. I saw her looking at that sign earlier, too.

She's not with a parent or friend or anyone else.

I guess she must really be lost.

Maybe... we can help her somehow.

Here. It looks like she wants to go here.

Do you know where it is?

...Huh...

SKRRK

Ow... Your glare hurts, Senjo-gahara...

She must think that I'm a pedophile, and an actual child abuser, too...

IIIIT GIIIVE BAA-ACK!

THOOMP THOOMP THOOMP THOOMP

I don't want to touch anything that's touched you.

She really hates me now.

...

Oh, jeez ...

Okay... er...

Then I'll just read it aloud...

We were getting along pretty well a few moments ago...

Huh... It's so strange ...

I used to live here until about a year ago.

This way. Let's go.

Huh? Hey! Wai...

Let's go, Hachikuji!

HUH?

AH!

O-OH!

OH—

"Turf"?!

Well... I know where it is, for the most part.

This part of town used to be my home turf.

...

Still, why does Senjo-gahara seem to hate the idea of bringing a lost child home...?

"I'll do any one thing you tell me to do."

my "one wish"?

Does she consider this

I blew it...

I just wasted a wish...

Ah, jeez...

...If that's the case...

I know the lady over there looks real crabby,

but once you get used to her, you'll come to love her spicy, habanero-like air!

She's a good, honest person deep down.

She doesn't look it at all...

...

...Her aura is so intimidating that this girl is willing to use the high schooler who just tossed her through the air as a wall to avoid her...?

That's Senjo-gahara for ya...

it looks like she hates me.

I mean,

She thinks I'm in the way... that I need to get lost...

I know what she's thinking.

Sorry, slip of the tongue.

IT'S ARARAGI!

But, um...

MISTER ARYA-RYAGI?

Well, she's right.

I am

a lost snail.

You always mess up, Araragi.

Haha!

You're always wrong, Araragi.

I mean, I am a failure, after all.

Yeah... I'm used to that by now.

I guess I should talk about it— the day I stopped being a regular human.

Spring break.

And now, it's finally time for my story.

I think I would understand the true nature of aberrations if I can just remember how it all began.

Aberration 怪異

Point 点

Aberration 怪異

Point 点

and it seems to be tied to the root of this snail aberration.

You could probably call it the biggest mistake of my life,

怪異と神様

Natural

根幹

BOOKS / MAGAZINES
YOJOHAN BOOKS

COIN LAUNDRY

Two months earlier.

Free wrapping for presents.
Just ask an employee!
BEEP
New Research: Chemistry I/II Suzuko Kindo
SUPER HUGE
RIGHT IN BETWEEN!!!
That comes out to 2,500 ...
ZENTAI MAX
Vol.83
A second skin encasing your body!
An amateur girl's tale of awakening: Haruko's story
An amateur girl's extreme sexuality: Yuki's story
The beautiful sister: Ami Namu
So good you nearly SUFFO-CATE
This curvy girl's sexy body
A collection of full-body tights
What ...?!
5,000?!
That comes out to 5,250 yen.
THWAP
SWOOP
This too.
SPEEDBOY
Even though I'm clearly a minor—he can't tell me no.
How's that for perfect timing?

Time to rush home ...

Okay!! Quick!

SKREEK

Wait! Hold on!

Fine... Even if I didn't have time to make a careful choice, a book that nearly costs 3,000 yen

surely won't betray my expectations!!

Koyomi... Why, Koyomi?

Why did you have to die in such a pre-dictable way...?!

What if I get hit by a car? ...What if I spend my last moments holding onto a dirty magazine...

My first priority is to return to my room unharmed!!

I need to ride safely!

It's times like these that demand the most prudence.

Ye.

Hail... ye thither.
It shall be thy
privilege to aid
me. Closer. Aye,
come closer. Can
ye not hear me? I
say I am willing to
bestow upon thee
the honor of
aiding me.

The iron-blooded, hot-blooded, yet cold-blooded vampire.

My name is Kiss-Shot Acerola-Orion Heart-Under-Blade.

Give me thine blood.

Now hurry ...!

That's right... I have a dirty magazine in my backpack right now...!

One that costs a whole 3,000 yen!! Right now, my only mission in life is to get this book to my bed without incident!!

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

This isn't funny !!

I didn't see anything! This has nothing to do with me!!

死にたくない I don't want to die

死ぬのは嫌だ No I can't die

ごめんなさい I'm sorry

助けて Save me

お願い Please

死ぬのは嫌だ No I can't die

助けて Save me

ごめんなさい I'm sorry

お願い Please

死にたくない I don't want to die

誰か Someone 誰か Someone

嫌だ 嫌だ

I don't want to fade away ...
Save me... Please... Plea...se.
No ! No, no !!
Help! Help me!
I don't want to die!
I don't want to die!!
No! No!!
I don't want to die!!
SLURCH
SLURCH
SLURCH
SLURCH
Some-one, anyone, please ...!
I'm sorry! I'm sorry!!
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
I don't want to...
...die ...

SKREEK

God... What am I doing? She's a demon.

She just wants to save herself... by preying on me.

HERE. DRINK UP.

CRASHER

Be-witched, I offered the vampire my neck and suc-cumbed to being her thrall.

Don't leave a drop behind. Wring me dry.

Go ahead. Suck my blood.

But I instinctively knew that she was someone worth far more than my life.

I knew that this nobly-named vampire shouldn't be allowed to die or fade away, let alone apologize or beg for her life.

And perhaps I should edit them a bit as well.

SKREEK

SKREEK

No.

Those words... the order they're in isn't quite right.

She succumbed and sucked the blood from my neck.

And so, the beautiful vampire——

I en-thralled.

I was willing to throw my life away for the sake of that vampire

Spring break.

When it all began. A demonic aberration.

I didn't have a single friend.

because until I met her...

It's because I went out of my way *not* to make them.

And I stress this...

Not because I couldn't make them.

I cannot make friends.

I don't make friends.

BEEP

That's what I called it.

In other words, I had chosen "active solitude."

IT WOULD LOWER MY INTENSITY AS A HUMAN.

It would strengthen me as an individual who stood apart from the crowd.

Individuality, not isolation.

Never meddling, and never being meddled with.

個 Individual

masses

masses

mass

The act of choosing to be on one's own is a strength.

Of course, Hanekawa summed up my position as if she saw through the whole thing.

huh?

Machismo for nerds,

Harmo-nizing with one's environ-ment

while maintaining a strong sense of self.

That balance is important. It's ideal.

Harmony

But *passive* solitude is different—it creates tension in the environment, only bringing isolation and obstruction.

It's what happens when humans can't peacefully coexist with their sur-roundings.

It's just hell, plain and simple.

KLANG

That's the exact hell I lived in

two weeks into my spring break as a vampire.

My explosive physical abilities and countless superpowers came at too high a cost.

and people tried to kill me every day.

Crosses scared me, garlic weakened me, holy water made me melt...

yes, *just to maintain a single life like mine...*

for me to live...

But worst of all,

It was the ultimate lack of harmony with my environment!!

I realized that countless lives had to be sacrificed.

It was hell...

But I couldn't accept that.

You're so spirited.

Something good happen today?

And the man who dragged me out of those blood-stained depths and rescued me

was just some dude passing by. A roaming wreck of an adult known as Mèmè Oshino.

Oshino somehow handled it all.

Not just the vampire, but a lot of other stuff, too.

That'll be five million yen.

I might be able to tell you what happened some other time—but for now, I'll just give you the highlights.

Anyway, thanks to Oshino,

I became human again.

I was left with a few mild vampiric abilities —

such as the ability to recover faster than the average human—but that's about it.

All the things that were left unre-solved became my own personal problems.

But it's nothing that serious. Just stuff I have to deal with for the rest of my life.

For exam-ple...

Once a month, I have to let the former Kiss-Shot Acerola-Orion Heart-Under-Blade, the “king” of aberrations, suck my blood.

When that happens, I am more athletic and have slightly better vision than a normal person—but that’s about it.

I can't help but think...

Whenever I recall what happened,

Discord with the environment...

Is that what causes encounters with aberrations?

Whether I knew it or not,

I had distanced myself from my class and other communities.

And in doing

that one act ...

Into harmony with a different kind of community.

...into something else.

I might have taken my first step

Maybe active solitude had prepared me to step into *this world*.

and I just hadn't noticed.

Who knows. Maybe it started long before spring break

KIRIN

What's at this address?

Hey, Hachikuji.

Hmph. I'm not telling! I exercise my right to remain silent!

No talk, no help.

I never asked for your help! I can get there myself!

...What idiot ever called children "innocent"...?

People who can't trust themselves like you, Mister Araragi, can ask all you want, but I don't need it! This stuff is like daily insurance to me!

Aren't you lost?

Listen, Hachikuji, you should really ask for help when you need it.

I was just like her until recently, so I had no right to act superior.

Oh?

Then I guess your policy covers it.

YOU DON'T SOUND VERY SINCERE!

Please, bestow upon me the secret of what lies in that location.

Very well then, young lady. I have a request.

But of course, I couldn't.

I thought I could do everything on my own.

I didn't need anyone's help.

WELL, HOT DOG! I'LL TELL YOU ANY-THING YOU WANT!

How about I give you some pocket money, young lady?

I see. So you went to go play at a relative's house...

You could've stayed home on Mother's Day like a good daughter, you know.

ARARAGI'S ISSUES

取扱注意

Let's put this aside!

but this girl just might have what it takes to become that special, historic first.

I'm pretty sure that no child in history has ever been abducted this way,

So she's dumb!!

SHE'S FAMILY!

SOMEONE NAMED MISS TSUNADE LIVES THERE!

ARARAGI'S ISSUES

Here we go!

THUD

ドスッ

ARARAGI'S ISSUES

Bike tour-ing...

I was just doing some bike touring...

...

Sitting vacantly on a park bench on a Sunday morning doesn't seem like something a respectable person would do.

If anything, Mister Araragi, I'd like to ask what you were doing in such a place.

I'd rather drive a car, but I don't have my license...

Oh, but I was on a bicycle, not a motor-cycle.

HOW COOL!!

Huh ?

Is that so.

But of course, in that case you'd be *touring*.

?

Hm...? Why would touring in a car be called...

She's totally wrong, but ...

You're a real genius, Hachikuji.

Four wheels

Two wheels

That's what she means!

PWIII NG!

OH!

OH

You mean it?

HEE-HEE

So glad I'm not a pedo!!

If I were a pedophile, I probably would've stepped into an awful situation by now.

Yikes. That would suck.

Ah yes, a child's smile really is a pure and wonderful thing.

She seems to be lowering her guard.

HUNH ?

Araragi.

We're here.

SSF

Araragi.

There.

No.

Not the address you told me just now.

Doesn't look like it.

We're... here?

I used to live around here until about a year ago.

I knew the Senjogaharas were broke, but...

Did they really live on the streets? It's way worse than I thought...

IT'S JUST A ROAD.

...

?!

THWAP

We sold it.

So I didn't expect it to be here...

I kind of wish I didn't know.

How does she expect me to react...?

Mm.

Yeah.

But I never thought it would be turned into a road.

I have to admit, I feel pretty blue.

It's com-plete-ly... different.

A town planning thing, right?

Yeah, I guess this does look like fresh, black asphalt.

...

Oh—

Ohh! So that's what this is.

So, we came here for nothing. Bummer.

It looks like Senjo-gahara's objective today...

was to come to this place.

Senjo-gahara has a deep-rooted conflict with her mother.

I guess it is... Mother's Day.

...Oh, yeah.

One week ago,

Senjogahara finally got some closure when she disposed of that crab aberration.

But she must have come here today

to see her former home—once filled with love and hate—to get a clearer sense of closure.

Heh.

That's right. Just because she got her weight back

doesn't mean she solved the problems that made her *that way*.

What about the root... of the problem ...?

Yeah, now there's no place her feelings can go...

ZSH

ZSH

ZSH

GSSH

Sorry for wasting your time on something so pointless. Let's go.

It's fine, Araragi. I'm the only one it needs to bother.

Hey!
Watch out!
For what?
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
THP
BOING
Hey, Senjo-gahara.
Do you... not like kids?
She's in a terrible mood!
Grr...

No.
I *hate* them.

I wish they'd die, every last one of them.

Come Back

THWAKK

Sorry!

EEK!

I could totally see her doing something like that...

...Right...

In middle school, I was shopping in a department store when I bumped into a little kid.

I have no idea how to treat them.

My goodness, madam.
Are you all right?
Are you injured?
My sincerest apologies.
Please forgive me.

...

I was thrown off-balance and before I knew it, I was saying...

No. That wasn't the problem.

Oh, and you made the kid cry?

I can't believe I acted so politely and modestly. *Me...*

Since then, I've decided to show nothing but hatred toward anything that's called a child, human or otherwise.

By the way, Ara-ragi.

The address on that note should be around here.

Oh, we're here?

...

Great! Hear that, Mayoi?

If you'd like to criticize me, go ahead.

Huh? Wait... Didn't we just pass this place?

Sorry, my mistake.

It looks like we've gone too far in the wrong direc-tion.

Let's go back.

Why am I apologizing?

I'm sorry.

I'm sorry. Another slip of the tongue.

That's one too many *ras*.

Everyone misspeaks from time to time. Or are you saying you've never misspoken in your life, Mister Araragi?

Don't mispronounce people's names.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, MISTER ARARARAGI...

BAKUHATSU BUS GAS

BASU-GASU-BAKUHATSU. BASU-GASU-BAKUHATSU. BASU-GASU-BAKUHATSU.

It's so easy to see through kids' lies...

But that's not a name.

Yes, it is. I have three friends named that, in fact.

I have a tongue-twister for you. It's Japanese for "bus gas explosion." *Basu-gasu-bakuhatsu.* Say it three times!

A *BAKU*.

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE CREATURE THAT EATS DREAMS?

Wrong. It's "humans."

HEE HEE HEE!

Wow, that was really dang good.

WELL AREN'T YOU CLEVER, YOU GENIUS!!

Huh?!

Again?!

We've gone too far again. Let's turn back.

Heh.

Ara-ragi.

I can tell by your face that you're itching to complain.

Fine then, let me strip down on all fours and apologize to you.

ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME OUT TO BE THE MOST DISGUSTING MAN ON EARTH?!

As if I'd let you do that in a residential area!

I'M NOT INTO KINKY SHIT!!

LOL

But I'd keep my socks on.

And by "socks" I mean fishnets.

THE ONLY THING CHEAP HERE IS YOUR PRIDE.

It'd be a small price to pay to make Koyomi Araragi known the world over as the grossest man alive.

What's wrong ?!

What ?!

Pervert / Hella / Nips / Nympho / Shameless / !!

So forcing me to get down naked on all fours to apologize isn't enough! Do you want to take a permanent marker and write dirty things on every inch of my body?!

Total masochist / Come look / I want you to / Full-body tights / Thick / PIG

HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO DRAG OUT THIS BIT?!

Dogs or cats? / Open for business / Ahh / Yeah / Perv / Sex / Please / Use me / Tsundere / Heartthrob

I'm glad.

Still...

The area has changed completely,

but I'm still glad I came.

I just bought these clothes yesterday.

I wanted you to be the very first person to see me in them,

so I'll content myself with that.

Huh ?!

I can wear whatever I want now that I have my weight back.

Ara-ragi.

I didn't say I wanted to show them to you,

I guess I feel very fortunate... or very honored.

So... You wanted to show them to me first?

O... Oh.

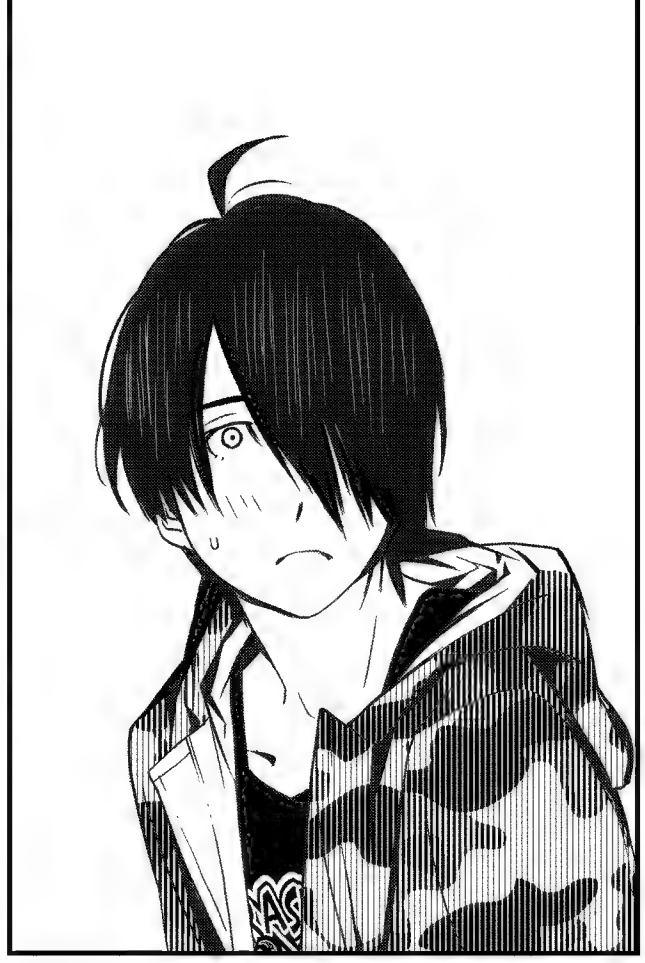
There's a world of difference between the two.

I just wanted you to see them.

I just had something on my mind.

I wasn't in a bad mood or anything.

Don't get the wrong idea.



Thanks to you, Araragi,

I can move on.

"She's incredible," I thought.

My two weeks were nothing compared to

the two *years* she lived in discord with her environment.

And yet she still says that.

That's probably the defining difference between her and me.

Senjogahara... stopped "stepping into" other worlds.

she's made it back.

Not just physically, but emotionally ...

"I'm so jealous," I thought.

but I just can't find it...

Are we really not there yet?

It's strange ...

I shouldn't be getting lost,

NADETSU TOWN AREA MAP

It's probably impossible.

No matter how many times I try, I can't get there.

I can never arrive.

my mother.

I'll never reach...

FWOOOSH

Her mother?

Be-
cause
I'm

a
lost
snail.

Hah...

Hah...

We've used up five continues by now.

We checked every home, one by one— a brute-force plan.

We took shortcuts that skirted the law,

and even tried demoralizingly long short-cuts.

But all we got out of it was a stunning amount of fruitless labor.

CRASHER

CURRENT LOCATION
目的地 NAOETSU 3-5-
NO SIGNAL
EXITING SEARCH

My phone's GPS still has no signal?

Now, I've got no choice but to admit it.

We've got an aberration 怪異 on our hands.

Let me borrow your bike.

I'll go.

SKREE

This means I'm no longer in a position to give up.

If she were an ordinary lost child, I could just take her to the neighborhood police station and smugly consider the case closed—but it's too late for that now.

Hey, Senjo-gahara—sorry for dragging you into this.

Have you already forgotten, knuckle-head?

I said I wanted to help you, remember?

He's our last hope.

At this point, the only person we can rely on is him...

Mèmè Oshino.

Or, I mean —

But he doesn't carry a phone,

so our only options are to go meet him, or to bring him here.

"I wouldn't know what to do with her."

She left with those parting words.

Don't leave me alone with her.

someone like Senjogahara—who's already parted from her aberrations—could be nice to have around.

Depending on how you look at it,

and there I'll see her waiting outside, showing me the way back.

I can always turn back,

Even if I get in over my head,

START

Do you think... you could tell me a little more about yourself?

All right. In that case, I'll delve as deeply into Hachikuji's situation as I can.

I mentioned this earlier, Hachikuji,

but we're dealing with a similar situation.

...Exercising her right to remain silent, I see.

Hello-oooo ...?

Was telling her about us the wrong move?

And here I thought she was opening up...

Hey, so... a little earlier you were, uh...

you said you couldn't meet your mom— right?

What did you mean by that?

Weren't you trying to visit your relative, Miss Tsunade?

...

COMING! ♡

BOING

Hey, Hachikuji. I'll get you some ice cream if you come a bit closer.

Sure, technically.

MY MOTHER COUNTS AS A RELATIVE, DOESN'T SHE?

I WASN'T LYING.

So you were lying about her being a relative?

...

What an easy girl to control...

Though I call her my mother,

sadly ...

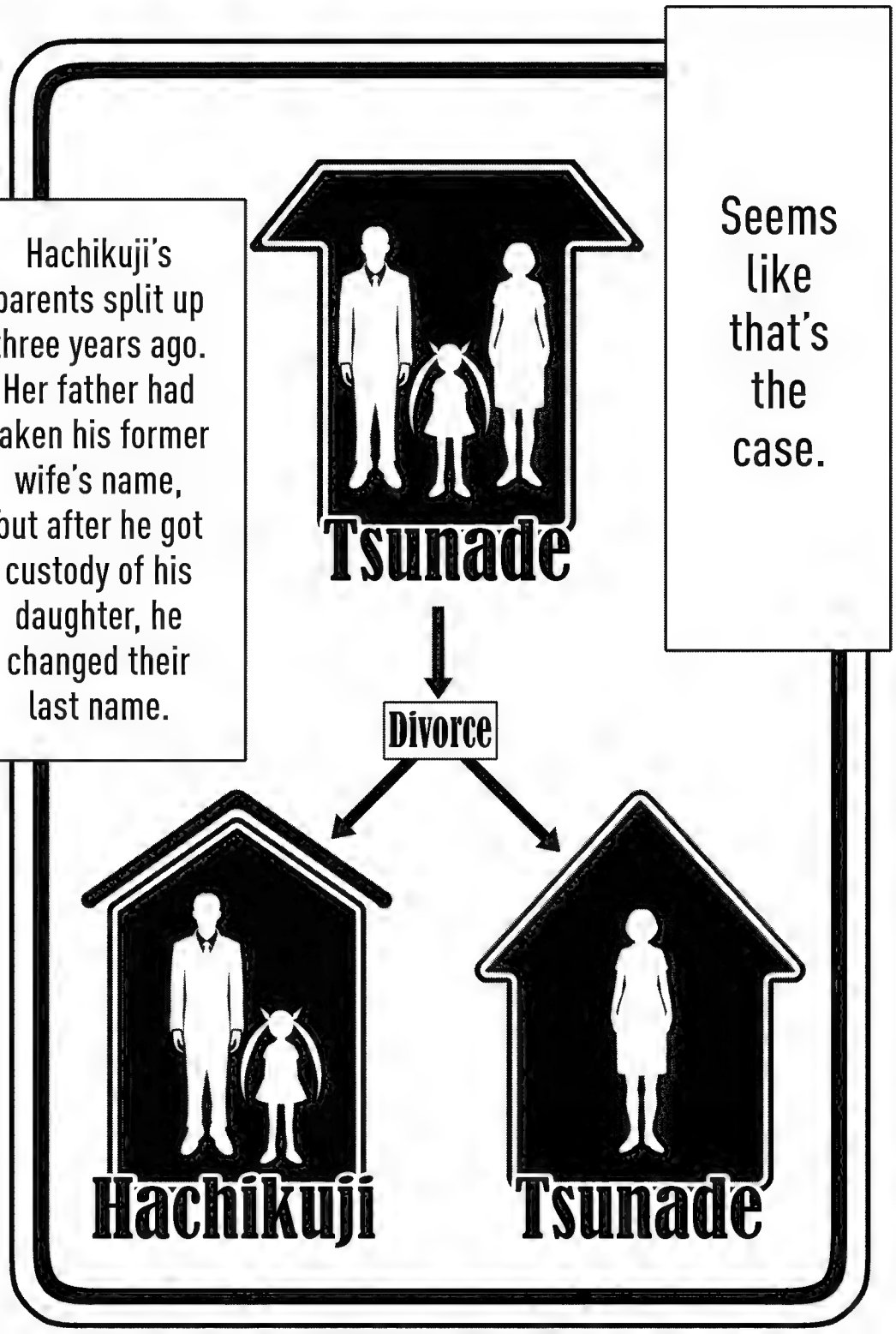
she's not my mother anymore.

Divorce.

and she wanted to use Mother's Day as an excuse to go see her mother, who still lives in the area.

In other words, Hachikuji's last name used to be Tsunade,

Hachikuji's parents split up three years ago. Her father had taken his former wife's name, but after he got custody of his daughter, he changed their last name.



Seems like that's the case.

This doesn't have anything to do with today being Mother's Day.

No, it's fine.

I'm sorry for acting holier-than-thou and for saying all that crap about respecting your parents...

Ah, jeez ...

Her home is a place I'd visit any time, if I could.

But... I never get there.

and tried to go to her mother's, it seems.

In hopes of seeing her mother,

she put on that big backpack

But

she ended up meeting a snail aberration instead... I think.

...

You... must've had it rough, too...

FSST

PAT

PAT

CHOMP!

KREAK

KRNCH

...

Hachi...!

Ow...

Owwww!!

Ha—

Gah—

?

?!

SNAP

SNAP
KRK
KRK
KRK
KRAK
BSSHFT
SNAP SNAP SNAP
GRIT
GRIT
GRIT
GRIND
Aaaaa aaagh!!
Wha ...!
What's going on?! What'd I do?
Gah !
Wait!
She's not playing around!!
T-... T-Teeth... into... my bones!
B- Breaking... grinding...!
SNAP SNAP
Does this mean what I think it does...? Have I unwittingly triggered some sort of event without even knowing it?
And now a battle has begun?!

WHAKK

Fsh !

WHAM

GWOOSH

BLEH

WHAM

THUD

TWITCH

TWITCH

BLURBLE

BLURBLE

THUD

BAM

There he stood, a high school boy acting like a dispassionate nihilist,

having knocked out an elementary school girl with two blows to a human's weak spot, along the median line...

Heh... What an empty thing it is.

Nothing will ever feel as good as my first victory.

Koyomi Araragi didn't need Hitagi Senjogahara to apologize to him on all fours in the nude. He already had what it took to be an awful human being.

Wait, that's me.

...

Ah, jeez...

What was I thinking...

TWITCH

TWITCH

PWEET

DEAD

TIRED

SGRSH SGRSH

VZZT

ズズ…

Gah …

I can't believe it...

I can see my damn bones...

FSSH

ニュウウウ

PLOOP

Hey. You okay, Hachikuji ?

…

FLASH

But it's fine 'cause I'm not a pedophile!! I'm just looking after her—

Her breasts are surprisingly plump for an elementary schooler...

Ooh, what a scary look on your face!

JIGGLE

JUST ASSAULTED A CHILD

UNCONSCIOUS AND VOMITING

Ha...

Hey!

Hane-kawa...!

THE CLASS PRESIDENT AND A SYMBOL OF ABSOLUTE JUSTICE

HUGE BOOBS

this is a huge prob-lem !!!

It's bad enough that Senjogahara saw this, but now in a different way,

no!

Oh...

Ha—

Hane-kawa...!

Justice

If this living exemplar of purity, Tsubasa Hanekawa, just witnessed that...

If the embodi-ment of decency, the breathing textbook of moral behavior...

Heh heh, what're you doing here?

N...No, I made it all the way to my senior year of high school...!!

EXPELLED for pervs

It's tough

Just on my way back from the library.

I live around here.

Well, what about you?

W...

Sure...

Okay, good...

I got her off-topic ...

It was closed. What kind of library is closed on a Sunday...?

It's frustrating how uncultured this neighborhood is.

Is that your little sister?

Who's the girl?

So?

WOBBLE

C'mon, Hachikuji.

WOBBLE

Oh, no. My little sisters are a little older.

Say hello to the nice lady.

My-name-is-Hachi-kuji.

Mayoi-Hachikuji.

Mayoi?

Like-the-character-for-truth-and-the-character-for-dusk.

As-for-my-last-name...

Don't worry, I know how to write that one.

Hachikuji is a pretty common term in the Kansai region, anyway.

It's a very pedigreed, historic-sounding name.

Yeah, I think there's a temple in *Shinonome Monogatari* that—

Oh, actually, it might have been written differently there.

...You really do know everything, don't you, Hanekawa...?

Ah!

Oh.
...Is that so?

Not every-thing.
I just know what I know.

BUSTED!

My name is Tsubasa Hanekawa, and I'm friends with your puppeteer over there!!

Oh, you're awake? Hello, Mayoi.

So she uses that on every-one?!

I don't like you.

...Please don't speak to me.

Hmmm? Did I do something to make you hate me?

You shouldn't say that to people you meet for the first time, Mayoi.

...

Ugh ...

So you like kids, Hane-kawa ?

HMMM? IS THERE ANYONE WHO DOESN'T?!

RUB

RUB

YOU'RE SUCH A CUTIE, MAYOI!

Agh.

OOOH! I COULD JUST EAT YOU RIGHT UP!

Uu-ugh.

WOOK AT YOUR PWUMP WIDDLE CHEEKS!

...

Hey... I'm not saying I don't...

Oh.

But, you know...

THWAK

BAD GIRL!

You shouldn't bite his hand for no reason at all!!

He's going to be fine... but if he were a *normal* person, that would have really hurt!

Ah–

Ah.

Ah...

Mister Araragi.

I-I'm sorry for what I did,

Er.

No.

Um...

What?

An apology? From her...?

Uh.

Okay. Now say you're sorry.

Ah.

Uhhh...

She must've seen the whole thing ...

Great job!

Good girl!

PAT

PAT

But yeah.

You have the right to defend yourself when someone bites you hard enough to tear open your flesh...

Hanekawa might not bend...

but that doesn't mean she's inflexible... she's just fair.

I'm sorry!

O-Okay!

AND YOU, TOO, ARARAGI! YOU'VE BEEN A BAD BOY!

NOT THAT!

THOUGH VIOLENCE IS OF COURSE BAD!!

Agh!

Her cleav- age!

I... I get it... Vio- lence... is bad...

What I'm trying to say is talk... *because* they'll understand.

You have to give them a sensible reason.

If you hit a child, you must explain why you did it.

She's an antidote—she always takes my innermost malice away.

I learn a lot talking to you.

You know.

Heh.

Good people exist in this world.

That thought alone makes me feel safe.

I just came here to kill some free time bike touring,

but I feel like I got more than I paid for.

Passing the time? Sounds nice. It means that you're free.

...I guess that's one way to put it.

I guess you could say... I'm doing the same.

You know ...

it's hard for me to stay at home.

Heh heh.

While Hane-kawa is a perfect, blameless super-human—

and big breasts on top of that.

Un-matched in morals, at the top of her class,

THONK

WHAK

WHAK

WHAK

Her life was "twisted" in its own way.

She had problems at home.

It was what you might call a "discordant environment."

TAPE DISPENSER

No one is perfect —

In fact,

everything else about her was so incredibly perfect...

that it must have made the distortions that much worse.

She was bewitched by a cat.

A CAT

Into those cracks,

snuck in and took hold.

WHAK

WHAK

NYAHAHAHAHA

HAHA

I thought Oshino and I might die trying—

In fact, I probably would've died without this enhanced body.

We did somehow settle her aberration problem, but still...

*Cf. *Nekomonogatari*

The cause of those distortions has not disappeared.

Hanekawa has no memories of what happened.

Not of being possessed by an aberration... or anything she did or said.
She really doesn't remember a thing.

Hanekawa's heart could still be somewhere deep in that darkness.

Maybe she's still wandering that labyrinth

But every time she smiles like that—

I wonder.

between Senjogahara and Hanekawa.

That's the starkest difference

just like me.

And that's why

Don't worry about it.

...

I'd step into any darkness

if I was doing it for her.

THUNK

I'm right here.

the reason why...

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BAKEMONOGATARI in Detail

The Path of the Manga Until Now

PRESENT DAY | Senior Year | Junior Year | Before HS | 5th grade

Suruga Monkey

Nadeko Snake

Tsubasa Cat

Koyomi meets Mayoi, decides to guide her.

Koyomi runs into Hanekawa.

A week after the case of the crab is settled (Mother's Day)

(Morning) Koyomi gets in an argument with his sisters, leaves home. Koyomi meets Hitagi, who's in casual clothes.

A later date

Hitagi regains her weight.

May 8

(Morning) Koyomi catches Hitagi.

(Night) Koyomi visits Mèmè with Hitagi.

April 29 (Golden Week)

Hanekawa is bewitched by a cat, ultimately coming to owe a debt of gratitude to Mèmè.

March 25 (Spring break):

Koyomi encounters a dying vampire. Enchanted by her, he becomes a vampire, and is then saved by Mèmè.

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